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SUBJECT: SELECTED SALARY INFORMATION

1. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT USG REVIEW OF UPCOMING SALARY INCREASE PROPOSALS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - IBRD, IMF, IDB - WOULD APPRECIATE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, IF POSSIBLE, DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF FOLLOWING HOST GOVERNMENT POSITIONS: (A) EQUIVALENTS FOR U.S. CABINET SECRETARY, DEPUTY SECRETARY, UNDER SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, (B) CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT, (C) MEMBERS OF NATIONAL LEGISLATURES, (D) TOP THREE GRADES TENURED CIVIL SERVANTS.

2. THIS INFORMATION IS BEING REQUESTED BECAUSE SYRIA IS ON BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND SIMILAR REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OTHER BOARD MEMBER COUNTRIES. HOPE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PUBLISHED BUDGET OR OTHER CONVENIENT SOURCE WITHOUT APPROACHING SARG, SINCE WE DO NOT WISH TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF SALARY ISSUE AT THIS TIME. IF INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE, PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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